

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 7, 2016

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Members of the Florida Delegation, we write in support of Governor Rick Scott's October 5 request to issue an Emergency Declaration in anticipation of the potentially devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew and thank you for your quick consideration and approval. Under the provisions of the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, this request is an important first step in providing relief for a major storm that could result in destroyed property and lost lives in significant portions across Florida.

The residents of Florida have only recently begun the recovery process after the events of Hurricane Hermine and we sincerely appreciate the aid provided by the federal government. The path of Hurricane Matthew could result in similar destruction on the east coast of Florida, and the 28 counties identified by Governor Scott would greatly benefit from pre-impact, critical emergency protections that are beyond the capacity of state and local government services.

We stand ready to work with agencies at the federal, state, and local levels tasked with keeping the residents of Florida safe during this dangerous storm. In addition, if it becomes evident that after the storm there is need for Congress to provide supplemental funding, we are prepared to lead those efforts.

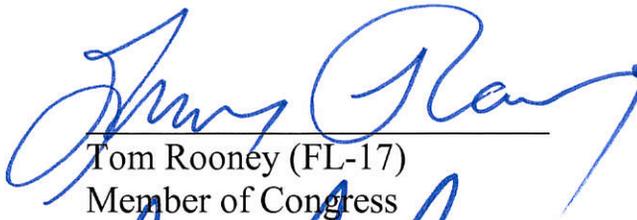
Thank you for expedited approval of Governor Scott's request and your continued support for the residents of Florida.



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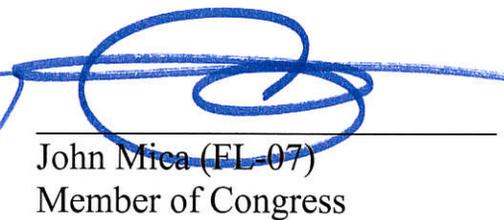


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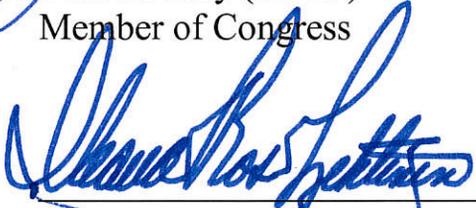
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